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DESCRIPTION OF "DER WEG"

Even mere scanning of the magazine "Der Weg" makes its Nazi attitude quite obvious. While it contains a number of articles in purely cultural fields, such as music, literature, etc., without any political undertones, its feature articles all are quite heavily biased. A random listing of examples, such as an article on the trials of the Germans for the Malmedy Massacre, a list of quotations from prominent persons eulogizing Mussolini - including remarks by such persons as Winston Churchill and others, out of context - an article on the mistreatment of the German War Criminals imprisoned at Spandau, and an article attacking the Austrian Government for being ostentatiously anti-German, etc., should suffice to point out the attitude of the magazine. ~~While these and many other articles in similar vein in the issues at our disposal are probably of no intelligence value, while some of them~~ ^{excludes} such as Schwerin v. Krosigk's story of the last days of Hitler Germany, and the report on Doenitz's conversations with his lawyer at Nuremberg - ^{may be} ~~are possibly~~ of historical interest, ^{as a whole appears to be} ~~and~~ the magazine ~~is~~ an excellent barometer ^{for} the political opinions and attitudes toward present-day problems held by emigre Nazi circles.

The articles on "The Thousand Faces of Latin America", dealing with the Caribbean and with Mexico, and the article "Glimpses of Colombia" can be summarized briefly as follows: ^{91 According to the author} The Caribbean, once chiefly a British domain and subject to British colonial exploitation, is becoming more and more dependent on the United States. The U.S. is attacked violently in the article for ^{her} ~~its~~ "machinations" by which she set up bases in the area which can be utilized for commercial exploitation, and for trying to push the British out of the area, both commercially and strategically. It is pointed out that the native population is mercilessly exploited, and that both racial and economic considerations are making the region ripe for a communist uprising. Communist activity, it is said, is very strong. The article on the Caribbean closes with the words: "We know now that the peculiar type of "Dollarium Tremens" which is based on the ^{promise} ~~wrong~~ idea that impending basic social unrest can be checked by military means without any simultaneous social policy is rampant also in the Caribbean. The times when the uprisings of those who have been deprived of their rights can be put down with dollars are past. The Americans, however, still believe in this fiction, and even raise it to a political maxim, and they will reap the harvest they have sown in the Caribbean..."

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When the Communist Negroes of Jamaica are whistling the hit song "We are the masters of the Caribbean" they are not far from right, in 1949, as paradoxical as it may sound. Let us not wish it upon our continent that ^{they} will prove it some day."

The article on Mexico, subtitled "The Balkans of America" also attacks ^{the United States} ~~America~~ for commercial exploitation on a large scale, but devotes most of its space to the claim that a serious racial problem exists in Mexico, and that the Mexican Indians, who make up a large ^{part} ~~bulk~~ of the population, hate the Whites. It is even claimed that there seems to be an ethnological bridge between Mexico and Asia. Anti-American feeling, for which the Americans are partially responsible, is nowhere as strong as in Mexico. This has played into the hands of Russia. Communist tendencies, coupled with the racial consciousness of the Indians, and the machinations of American industrial concerns, are stated to characterize the situation in Mexico. As the ~~previous~~ article on the Caribbean, this one also takes every opportunity of attacking the Americans, who are preferably called "Yankees".

"Glimpses of Colombia" discusses that country mostly from an economic point of view. It states that the country has made a sudden transition from the mule to the airplane, while it is economically not able or ready to exploit this transition properly. Again, a great part of the article is devoted to attacks on the United States, charged with reckless exploitation of the country, ^{with} making it an economic dependency of the U.S., and a dumping ground for ~~her own~~ ^{its} third-class merchandise which will not sell on more highly-developed markets, and with selling Colombia only those materials which will not ~~not~~ give rise to competition for her own industries. "The rich natural resources of country have called the Americans on the scene under the ^{slogan} ~~name~~ of 'assistance to undeveloped countries', a second invasion, according to the modern spirit, carried out with the more humane dollar rather than with fire and sword." The article also discusses the internal politics of the country, dwelling on the rampant dishonesty in this field, the lack of qualified teachers, ^{competent civil servants,} and good educational institutions, and the poverty and apathy of the rural population. One typical sidelight is the footnote in the article which deals with the fact that Colombia was at war with Germany during World War II. "....C. entered the war on the side of the Allies against the will of her government and against public sentiment. In ^{her} ~~their~~ effort to place a 1000-km wide security cordon around her sensitive nerve, the Canal Zone, the U.S. was ready to commit any act of force. When ~~in~~ a ~~motor~~ ^{motor}-powered sailboat was sunk between the Island of

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San Andres and Cartagena, according to tried and ~~known~~ tested means ("Athenia") by an "unidentified" submarine, the one for the American pressure and ^{her} ~~their~~ proven propaganda machine had been given. Since Bogota had justified doubts as to the nationality of the mysterious submarine, the country was given the alternative of American occupation or "voluntary" entry into the war on the side of the Allies, with the corresponding ~~own~~ rights extended to the intelligence service of the "protecting power" for defense purposes. Actually, however, Colombia fired not one shot against Germany, and treated the interned German citizens in ^a ~~the~~ more than generous fashion."

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